

Application No. 10/715,189

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 3 and 4 as illustrated in red on the attached photocopies.

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 5-8 are rejected but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

Applicant proposes to amend Figures 3 and 4, as illustrated in red on the attached photocopies. In Figures 3 and 4 it is proposed to correct the cross-hatching. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the proposed amendments to these figures. It is believed the foregoing proposed amendments obviate the outstanding objections to the drawings. Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to provide antecedent basis for the cross-hatching shown in the figures as originally filed with this application. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to the specification overcome the outstanding objections thereto. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claims

The figures have been amended to correctly show the cross-hatching for the rubber sucking disk and the pole, and to distinguish the threaded shaft from the rubber sucking disk. It is believed that the claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's original claims 5-8, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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